

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (40), to adjust moveable parts in a motor vehicle, ~~having comprising~~ a gear housing (15) and a shaft (18) positioned therein along a longitudinal axis (30), the shaft being supported in the housing via an axial stopping face (35) on a counter stopping face (36), wherein at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is inclined in respect to a plane surface (42) that is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30) by an angle of inclination (40) in order to generate an axial force, wherein a component (44), which cooperates with at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36), is displaceable perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30) by means of an elastic element (48) that is a bent punched part of the component, such that the component and the element are monolithic, and the component is wedge-shaped and causes the elastic element to displace in a radial direction with respect to the shaft thereby maintaining an axial force to eliminate shaft longitudinal play.
2. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (40) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) or the component (44) features ~~a profiled surface (62), as a~~ saw-tooth profile (62).
3. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (40) according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) or the component (44) features a stair-step profile (91).
4. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (40) according to Claim 21, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces (35, 36) is cone-shaped, with annular stair steps (92).
5. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (40) according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component (44) is one piece with the at least one stopping face (35, 36), as a stopping element (34).

6. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component ~~(44)~~ is U-shaped, and surrounds the shaft ~~(48)~~ or a stopping sleeve ~~(70)~~ of the shaft ~~(48)~~.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component ~~(44)~~ is a 2-step wedge.
9. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 1, characterized in that the shaft ~~(48)~~ features a fore part ~~(32)~~ and/or at least one collar ~~(22, 23)~~, with which the shaft ~~(48)~~ is supported on the gearing housing ~~(45)~~ via the component ~~(44)~~.
10. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 1, characterized in that the shaft ~~(48)~~ features a worm toothing or thread toothing ~~(19)~~, and engages in an inside thread ~~(21)~~ of a spindle drive device ~~(40)~~.
11. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 1, characterized in that the component ~~(44)~~ can be displaced radially to the longitudinal axis ~~(30)~~ by means of the pre-stressed elastic element ~~(48)~~.
12. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 11, characterized in that the elastic element ~~(48)~~ is supported on a covering ~~(66)~~ of the gear housing ~~(45)~~.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(40)~~ according to Claim 11, characterized in that the component ~~(44)~~ is formed together with the elastic element ~~(48)~~ as a wedge-shaped wavy leaf spring ~~(45)~~.

15. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(10)~~ according to Claim 21, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces ~~(35, 36)~~ or the component ~~(44)~~ features a surface having a stair-step profile ~~(91)~~.
16. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(10)~~ according to Claim 21, characterized in that at least one of the stopping faces ~~(35, 36)~~ is cone-shaped, with a surface having annular stair steps ~~(92)~~.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit ~~(10)~~ according to Claim 21, characterized in that the component ~~(44)~~ is one piece with the one stopping face ~~(35, 36)~~, as a stopping element ~~(34)~~.
- 19-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (10) to adjust moveable parts in a motor vehicle, with comprising a gear housing (15) and a shaft (18) positioned therein along a longitudinal axis (30), which shaft is supported on the housing via an axial stopping face (35) on a counter stopping face (36), wherein at least one of the stopping faces (35,36) is inclined perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30) against a plane (42) by an angle of inclination (40) in order to generate an axial force, and a component (44), which cooperates with at least one of the stopping faces (35,36), is arranged in a displaceable manner perpendicular to the longitudinal axis (30), and the component (44) ~~can be expanded radially to the longitudinal axis (30) by means of a radially pre-stressed elastic element (48), wherein the component (44) is a 2-step wedge having two inclined stopping surfaces (62, 63) connected via an intermediate surface (76) that runs parallel to plane (42) such that the component (44) causes the elastic element to displace in a radial direction thereby maintaining an axial force to equalize shaft longitudinal play, wherein the component (44) is~~ can be displaced by an elastic ring element (94), the ring element being formed so that it can be compressed causing it to be expanded radially, and is arranged between the stopping face and a conical stopping face.
- 22-24. (Cancelled)
25. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein the shaft (18) features ~~a fore part (32) and/or~~ at least one collar (22,23), with which the shaft (18) is supported on the gearing housing (15) via the component (44).
26. (Currently amended) Gear drive unit (10) according to Claim 21, wherein that the shaft (18) features a worm toothing or thread toothing (19), and engages in an inside thread (32) of a spindle drive device (10).
- 27-28. (Canceled)